

Welcome to Wildcats Football

The Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the **Calgary Wildcats Football Club**.

The motto of the **Calgary Wildcats Football Club** is "Pride, Courage and Intensity". We have focused on building discipline and leadership skills to provide our athletes with a foundation to build on as they move through their formative years. We believe that successes in the form of winning championships are empty without the development of good life skills. No doubt some of our players will go on to play football at the professional level, but those who don't will also be a members of teams at school, in the workplace and elsewhere where these skills will be equally important.

Our Commitment to your Son or Daughter

The Wildcats Board of Directors commits to the following:

- 1) A positive football experience for every player.
- 2) A respectful environment for every player – swearing, spitting, bullying etc. will not be tolerated. This applies to coaches, players and parents.
- 3) We will not ridicule or humiliate your child. If our coaches raise their voice it will be in an instructional sense and as a last resort in the demonstration of a coaching point.
- 4) Your child will show a higher level of skill at their position and be a better football player at the end of the season than they were at the start.
- 5) We will strive to prepare your child for the next level of football – if this is their aspiration.
- 6) Game success – your child will have the opportunity to contribute to the team in a game situation, but keep in mind that all players DO NOT get equal playing time. This is a **full contact/high impact sport** and some players may not have achieved enough skill or physical maturity to play every game or in every situation. The coach's first consideration is safety of the players, not how much time they spend on the field.

Many fine young men and women have passed through our program. We require commitment and respect from our players and, in return, we will ensure the players have an enjoyable and competitive experience. At present we operate 5 (five) individual football teams within the organization. We have two Atom teams (8, 9, 10 yr olds), one Peewee team (10, 11, 12 yr olds), one Bantam team (13, 14, 15 yr olds) and Midget team (Grades 9-11).

Like any other sport, football requires the precise timing of many players on the field at any given time. However, unlike most sports, the magnitude of physical contact in football also calls for a higher degree of readiness and skill, not only from a competitive standpoint, but from a safety standpoint as well. As a result, football demands focus and dedication to developing the skills needed for each position. This means lots of repetition and a high level of commitment. Unlike the tryouts in other team sports, there is only one team and no tiering of the type you may be used to. In many cases, coaches will have to make difficult decisions in terms of who will make our teams and who will not. If your child does not make the team they will be given a release to try out for any other team in the League or they may be placed on our Development Team.